Missouri: Waivers of Certain Unemployment Eligibility Requirements

Description of Program and Relief

Missouri provides unemployment benefits, in the form of a weekly check, to individuals who have become unemployed through no fault of their own. Generally, receipt of unemployment benefits is contingent on the unemployed individual searching for new work.

In response to COVID-19, the state of Missouri has waived the work-search requirement for individuals who are unemployed due to COVID-19 causing an employer to shut down operations temporarily.

Government or Lead Agency

Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Dates Available

Effective immediately; end dates not listed

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

In order to receive unemployment benefits without meeting the work search requirement, the employer must establish a recall date within eight weeks of the temporary lay-off. The employer may apply for approval of an extended recall and work search waiver of up to sixteen weeks.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A

List of Additional Information

Information regarding these changes can be found here: